Mr. A. Eachara Menon.—I also don't move my amendment to omit the words 'in small sums as far as possible' after distributed' and before 'to cultivators of the soil, etc.'

(*Hence they were considered withdrawn.*)

Deputy President.—The amendments are not moved. The Government accepts the resolution and so it need not be put to the vote.

Mr. T. M. Krishna Menon.—One more point strikes me. The wording of the resolution "be in future distributed in small sums as far as possible to cultivators of the soil" is open to objection. You have to read that with the section itself. There, in addition to what is required in the resolution, it is said 'or with the consent of that person to any other person". In some cases the actual cultivators of the soil may not be inclined to spend and others are also entitled to this loan with the consent of the cultivators. I only wanted to bring this fact to the notice of the House.

8. Thaipooyam day to be a holiday.

Deputy President.—The next resolution stands in the name of Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—Sir, I move that "*This Council recommends to the Government that Thaipooyam day in Makaram may be made a holiday for Hindus throughout the State every year.*" The resolution speaks for itself, and I do not think a speech is necessary. This is an important Hindu festival. All sections of Hindus celebrate this every year, and in fact it is growing in importance year by year. I suppose there will be no objection for having a holiday for the Hindus on that day. With these few words, I commend the resolution to the acceptance of this House.

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar.—I second it.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—We want to know the view of the Government.

Mr. T. M. Krishna Menon.—Government is indifferent in the matter. Holidays are welcome.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—If the Government accept the resolution, it need not be put to the vote.

Deputy President.—Now it will have to be put to the vote.

(*The resolution was put to the vote of the House and agreed to, Government remaining neutral.*)

9. Land-Mortgage Bank.

Deputy President.—The next resolution is in the name of Mr. K. T. Mathew. The Member is absent.

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(*Hence the following resolution and the accompanying amendment to it of Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan were considered withdrawn:—*

"*This Council requests the Government to take immediate steps for starting a Land-Mortgage Bank*".

(*For 'a Land-Mortgage Bank', substitute the words 'Land-Mortgage Banks at convenient centres'.*)

10. Director of Industries.

Deputy President.—Now we shall pass on to the next resolution.

Mr. C. J. Mathew.—Sir, I rise to move the resolution "*that this Council recommends to the Government that a Director of Industries be appointed at once to look after the industrial concerns of the State.*"

When a resolution to appoint a Superintendent of Industries was considered during the Special Finance Committee session, the mover did not sufficiently make it clear that there was no necessity at all for a Director of Industries to possess expert knowledge in the different kinds of industries. Last time it was discussed on the basis that he should have all the qualifications required for the head of a technological institute. My present attempt is to show that it is a Director with real business instinct in him that we want and not one who is an expert in industries. In the report of the Industrial Commission (p. 66) it is stated as follows:—

"Their most important conclusions were that the headship of a technological institute should be separated from the Directorship of Industries owing to the fact that a scientist was required for the former and a man of general industrial and economic knowledge with a business instinct for the latter, and the truth that the science of directing and organising industrial concerns can only be learned by experience and not in technological institutes however elaborate their equipment may be."

So an Industries Director does not require any technical knowledge at all. What we want is "special knowledge and instinct for business," and on page 141 of the same report the special qualifications needed for a Director are also mentioned.

"These include, in the first place, the capacity of appreciating the technical features of industries in their bearing on commercial possibilities and the ability to form conclusions as to the soundness of a scheme worked out by a technical expert; the power of organisation, familiarity with the practical handling of economical questions and local knowledge. If such a man be also an expert in any industrial branch, this will be a good advantage. Men of the above type may be found either in Government service or among the commercial community. Officials

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